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Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey, seated, is surrounded by members of the 2001 County Council following the inaugural meeting January 16. They include, from the left, County CAO Gary King, Highlands East Reeve Keith Tallman, Sherborne, Stanhope Reeve Eleanor Harrison, Highlands East Deputy Reeve Chuck Viner, Dysart Deputy Reeve Bill Davis, Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney, Sherborne, Stanhope Deputy Reeve Don Shortreed and Minden Hills Deputy Reeve Jim McMahon.

Seventh term for Dysart Reeve

Fearrey acclaimed Warden

by Jerry Grozelle

Murray Fearrey, reeve of Dysart et al, will take the reins of Haliburton County council for the year 2001. He was chosen by his peers at the warden's inauguration meeting of county council on January 16. This year marks Fearrey's unprecedented seventh term as Warden of Haliburton County.

"Reeve Fearrey brings to this position a wealth of experience," said Councillor Ross Rigney in his nomination address.

Rigney said Fearrey has seen the role of warden evolve from an ambassador type position of representing the county at local events, to the major leadership role it now has. He added that with the restructuring of the county government from 10 municipalities to four, and the downloading of services from the upper levels of government to the county, it will require a strong county government.

"Reeve Fearrey, in my judgement, has the experience, leadership skills and drive to move the county ahead," Rigney said. "Our warden must be a person of vision and perseverance — vision to chart our course for the year and the perseverance to make sure we get there."

The nomination, seconded by Dysart Deputy Reeve Bill Davis, went unopposed and Fearrey was acclaimed as Warden of Haliburton County for 2001.

Fearrey said there has been considerable change since he and Keith Tallman first were elected to county council in 1973. He said the number of council members has gone from a high of 19 in the early 1970s to the current eight-member team.

"As you know, the province has asked the municipalities and the counties to downsize and we made a clear choice several years ago to be a two-tier county and we got our wish thanks to the support of

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Council will consider application this week

Gallery, museum expansion

by Matthew Sitrler

An application to Ontario's SuperBuild Corporation could raise Minden's Agnes Jamieson Art Gallery to a 'Class B' designation. The application goes before municipal council for approval this week.

The proposed gallery expansion would see an addition and retrofit to the existing gallery building located on Bobcaygeon Road which would then allow the facility to apply for the special class designation. "The designation would allow them to accept donations of art and issue receipts for income tax purposes," said Public Works Superintendent Clayton Cameron. "It will also allow them the room to display parts of the permanent collection (of Andre Lapine paintings) which, over the course of a year, could be rotated."

The proposed expansion would be built off the back portion of the gallery to the north and the east. A deadline to file the letter of intent to apply for SuperBuild funding's Sport, Culture and Tourism allocation is February 2. "They (Superbuild) will let us know if it is a reasonable proposal, then we can proceed to file the application," adds Cameron.

Included with the proposal, the Minden Museum Committee is seeking to erect a building to display artifacts and a miniature village - provided they can secure the storage space for it. "That's going to be included as part of the application as well," said Cameron. He is handling the letter of intent which will be presented to council for final approval.

The plan was approved at the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Relations Committee meeting last week.

The tentative floor plan for the gallery portion of the proposal has indicated that an estimated cost of \$280,000 will be needed to do the job. Cameron is awaiting news from the architect about the cost for the Museum portion of the application.

Superbuild's Sport, Culture and Tourism funding allocation does not cap the amount of money it would provide to a worthy project in its application. "It's all open-ended and there are no dollar signs in there at all," Cameron said.

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Application to preserve history

Sherborne, Stanhope council give log chute application the nod

by Matthew Sitrler

The Hawk Lake Log Chute inched its way closer to restoration last week, thanks to unanimous approval from Sherborne, Stanhope Council to apply for the project's funding.

Following a discussion held at the previous meeting, and just in time for a February 2 deadline, council will now proceed to fire a letter of intent off to the Ontario SuperBuild Corporation, notifying it of their application. The decision followed engaging presentations given to council by representatives of the two candidate projects which were under scrutiny.

An expected budget of \$120,000 would cover the cost of dismantling and rebuilding the chute among other plans, Stanhope Heritage Museum Representative Carol Moffatt told council. "We already have \$31,000 of donations in kind confirmed, and \$14,020 confirmed in financial donations and we will look to SuperBuild for the remaining \$72,000." Moffatt noted additional donations have been made and mentioned that the project has been helped since day one by a 'huge list of people.'

Calling it a "really important project" that will eventually get done even if SuperBuild funding does not come through, Moffatt asked for Council's support.

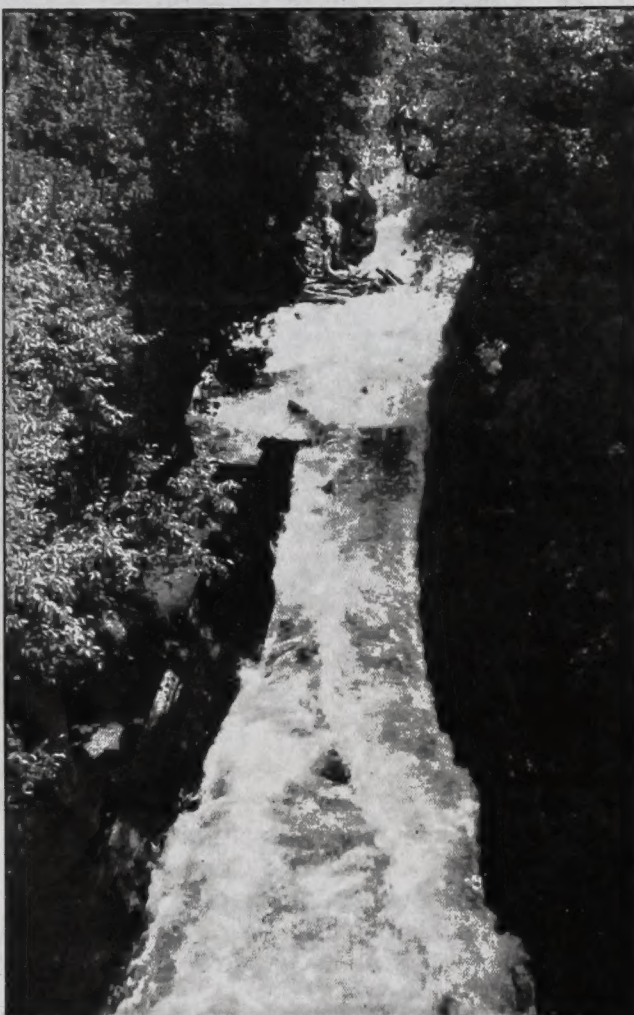
Sherborne, Stanhope Reeve Eleanor Harrison followed that by mentioning the Log Chute Restoration Project already has partnerships in place - this was a key SuperBuild stipulation. "Most of the groundwork is done," said Harrison. "The time frame is very short and if you don't have everything together, you're wasting everyone's time putting it in."

Moffatt confirmed this approach. "The buzzword these days is 'partnerships'," she said. "I think we have that in place through the donations and committee work."

Norm McKaye presented on behalf of the Dorset Heritage Museum. Previously, Deputy Reeve Don Shortreed suggested that an amalgamation of the two former township museums would suit the qualifications of SuperBuild for funding. In the end, this was not to happen. "Regrettably, the museum is not ready to take advantage of SuperBuild funding," said McKaye. "And I feel that the aims of the separate museums are different enough that they should continue

to operate separately."

Council will be notified by SuperBuild whether the application has merit and will proceed to apply for funding by the specified date of March 31 if it does. The SuperBuild infrastructure money is earmarked for projects related to arts, culture, heritage, recreation or tourism.



The restoration of the historic log chute below Big Hawk Lake could go ahead if funding for the project is obtained from the province.

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Co-operation is the key says Warden

(from page one)

our member (MPP Chris Hodgson)," Fearrey said. "Now, we have to make sure it works. If it doesn't, it reflects clearly back on us."

He said it is essential for the four municipalities to work together in harmony. "There can be no room for duplication," he said. "Whenever there is an opportunity for us to work together to save each other, whether it's over municipal lines or county lines, we have to do that because we're committed to make this work."

Fearrey talked about the County Official Plan and how it can work in harmony with the official plans of the municipalities. He said the municipal official plans can be fitted into the county's OP, which is an overview of what county officials envision for the entire county.

Environment is another big issue with which the county will have to deal. Fearrey talked about the landfill site issues and suggested a single landfill site for the county may be the answer to the long term problem of garbage disposal. He said now is the time to start looking for a suitable site.

"It is a long process that will take a lot of public input and in the meantime, the municipalities have to deal with what they have," Fearrey said. "What they have are a lot of small landfill sites that are reaching their capacity that need to be reworked or treated in a different fashion to buy the time necessary for the county to, at some point, find a larger site or find some other alternatives. We need to look at the big picture and we need to look at the future."

Another issue that Fearrey said will be a priority is the implementation of 9-1-1 service in Haliburton County.

Communications, specifically the county's connected computer network, is another priority that Fearrey said will need to be addressed. "I don't want to see a half-baked system," he said. "If we're going to do this, let's do it right. Whether it's wireless or whatever it is, let's get a system that we know will service all of Haliburton County," he said.

Fearrey also commented on the Haliburton Highlands Health Services and the county's commitment to the Health Services Foundation. The Chamber of Commerce, he said is showing some positive results and he's confident the Chamber is on the right track to promote Haliburton County.

Bill Payne in Florida hospital

The prognosis does not appear positive for Minden resident Bill Payne who remains in a coma in a Florida hospital.

The prominent community booster suffered a stroke shortly after arriving in Florida last week for a winter break.

According to his son, Warren, Bill suffered a stroke while on a cruise, Monday evening, January 15. "He had spent the day golfing and went out for a cruise when the stroke occurred," Warren said.

Payne had left Minden for Florida on January 5.

Family members travelled to be him when he fell ill. A decision to remove mechanical life support systems was taken on Friday.

Gallery expansion would give more exposure to Lapine collection

by Matthew Sittler

An expansion of the Agnes Jamieson Art Gallery would finally allow one of the most treasured collections of Canadian art to be put on permanent public display.

Painter Andre Lapine - familiar to so many locals as he lived in Minden during the forties and fifties, would smile from the grave if he knew his extensive collection of paintings would at last be allowed to hang publicly for all to see and enjoy. The National Gallery in Ottawa has at least two of his works, the Art Gallery of Ontario has another two, and Minden Hills Agnes Jamieson Gallery is thought by the Canadian art community to have his definitive collection. "Sotheby's has been here and appraised the collection and that was their quote," says Gallery Curator Dianne Graham. "That we 'do have the definitive collection.'"

SuperBuild funding in 2001 would also be a tremendous way to celebrate the gallery's twentieth anniversary, says Graham. "If we could add this very special Lapine Wing, what a tremendous anniversary gift that would be."

While the gallery would obviously continue to showcase the works of many artists, Graham says that the Lapine collection (which includes some 52 of his paintings) simply shouldn't sit in storage. "It should be available for people to come and see and learn about," she says.

The paintings were donated to the gallery by one-time Minden Undertaker Frank Welch. Lapine



boarded at Welch's home next to the Monk Funeral Home, and paid rent by giving his hosts paintings. "When Mr. Welch passed away in the late 70's, he left them to the municipality," explains Graham. "The Municipality of Anson, Hindon and Minden has been extremely supportive of the Gallery, but we certainly need more space to have them put up." Graham adds that an expansion would allow the Gallery to promote the Lapine Collection to many school, senior and art groups within the Haliburton Community - knowing that they could come at any time to see the treasured collection.

"I'm constantly receiving enquiries from people who come - they've read our brochure and they know that we've got them," she explains. Having adequate space to hang them would crystalize the growing public demand to see the beautiful paintings. "The expansion would mean the whole re-design of the floor as it exists while retaining the flavor of what the building is now," says Graham. Should the much-needed funding be approved, Graham says she expects expansion work would begin immediately.

"We've had a marvelous Committee over the years who have worked very hard to keep these paintings and collect them," says Graham. "It is now our joy and our responsibility to preserve and showcase them."

Curator Dianne Graham with examples of the Lapine collection held by the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.



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Track 3 program increases access to downhill skiing

by Matthew Sitrer

A new program will make the sport of downhill skiing available to an entirely new group of individual. Sir Sam's Ski Hill is introducing the Track Three program this winter.

In cooperation with Sir Sam's, the Ontario Track 3 Ski Association for the Disabled will, for the first time, help create self-confidence and self-esteem in Haliburton-area residents who have always wanted to enjoy the thrill of whipping down a mountain, spraying white powder in their wake.

Breaking down barriers for disabled youth and children, the gift of skiing comes as a welcome option for those who, although involved with other sport activities, have not faced the exhilarating challenge that skiing provides.

For a one-time cost of \$225 that covers a seven week time period, the program provides area disabled residents with expert training and equipment under the tutelage of Track 3 Instructors and Sir Sam's volunteers.

"We are so proud to be sponsoring the Track 3 Program at our ski hill," said Sir Sam's Ski Patrol spokesperson Karen Rae Short. "We provide the facilities, and are happy to be able to provide the area

for their enjoyment."

Although not new, the program's availability in Haliburton is. "Track 3 grew out of a program that initially began with Variety Village," explains Track 3 Instructor and Course Conductor David Turney.

"It's its own program now, but it has gone through numerous metamorphoses through the years." The program initially catered exclusively to people with physical challenges but now provides instruction to the developmentally-delayed as well.

"It gives kids skills and provides confidence," says Turney, of Track 3's special ability to connect with residents' hopes and dreams. The length of each day's course varies, depending upon the individual's personal stamina. "We match the instruction to suit the student," explains Turney. Special 'Outriggers' are provided to help the student with his or her lateral stability. The outriggers are

hand-held cane-like devices attached to partial skis. "They have special picks on the bottom," he adds. "There is also a 'Sit-Ski' for those who need it."

Students who participate in the program complete an instructional assessment first, then fill out information forms pertaining to a participant's individual and special needs. The program will be held weekends between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and participants are asked to bring their own lunch/medication. The price of \$225 covers equipment and Track 3 Instruction for the seven-week duration. Lift tickets are provided compliments of Sir Sam's Ski Hill.

The Ski Hill's owner David Bishop has owned Sir Sam's for 35 years ago. He empathizes with the disabled and says that because of his facility's wide capacity, he is happy to provide an area for the their



On track

17 year old Sir Sam's Ski Hill instructor John Atkinson demonstrates the Track 3 'Outriggers'. Above, he is seen with Ski Patrolter Karen Ray Short.

enjoyment.

"Unless you were here 40 years ago," said Bishop, "You would have no idea what these people once went through." Bishop explained that in the not-so-distant past, supportive programs such as Track 3 were simply not available in Haliburton or anywhere for that matter. "The way these people were treated was barbaric - Now, they are seen to be the self-sufficient people who are part of a wider community are," he adds. "Anything we can do to support them we area glad to do."



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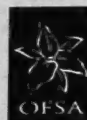
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Sewage disposal problem may come before county council

by Matthew Sitrer

The sewage lagoon shortage in Haliburton County seeped its way into conversation during a break at last week's county council meeting, but any decision about what to do won't surface before it's been officially discussed.

Sherborne, Stanhope et al Reeve Eleanor Harrison said there was some talk about what the best course of action would be. "I think it's going to take some time and more discussion," commented Harrison, confirming that she personally was getting calls about the situation. "Something is going to have to be done - I think we all know that," she added.

"There was no in-depth discussion about what we will or won't do," continued the Reeve. "I don't imagine that it's something that could be done on a county-wide basis because to begin with, to finding a piece of property that would take a lagoon that size would be nearly impossible and not very convenient. Hopefully there is something that can be done."

Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney confirmed that one possible solution which was discussed would be to go together with another municipality and establish a lagoon which could be used, but added that discussion of this option was still informal. "I'm empathetic with the haulers because of the

service they provide," said Rigney "There was consideration that Minden Hills and Sherborne, Stanhope et al, or we and Sherborne and Dysart might take a look at getting one jointly and then it might be a 'fee-for-service' type thing." Echoing Harrison, Rigney said that the distance required to haul from the County's east side would probably throw a wrench into the establishment of an all-inclusive county sewage lagoon site.

Garbage disposal will be the biggest challenge: Rigney

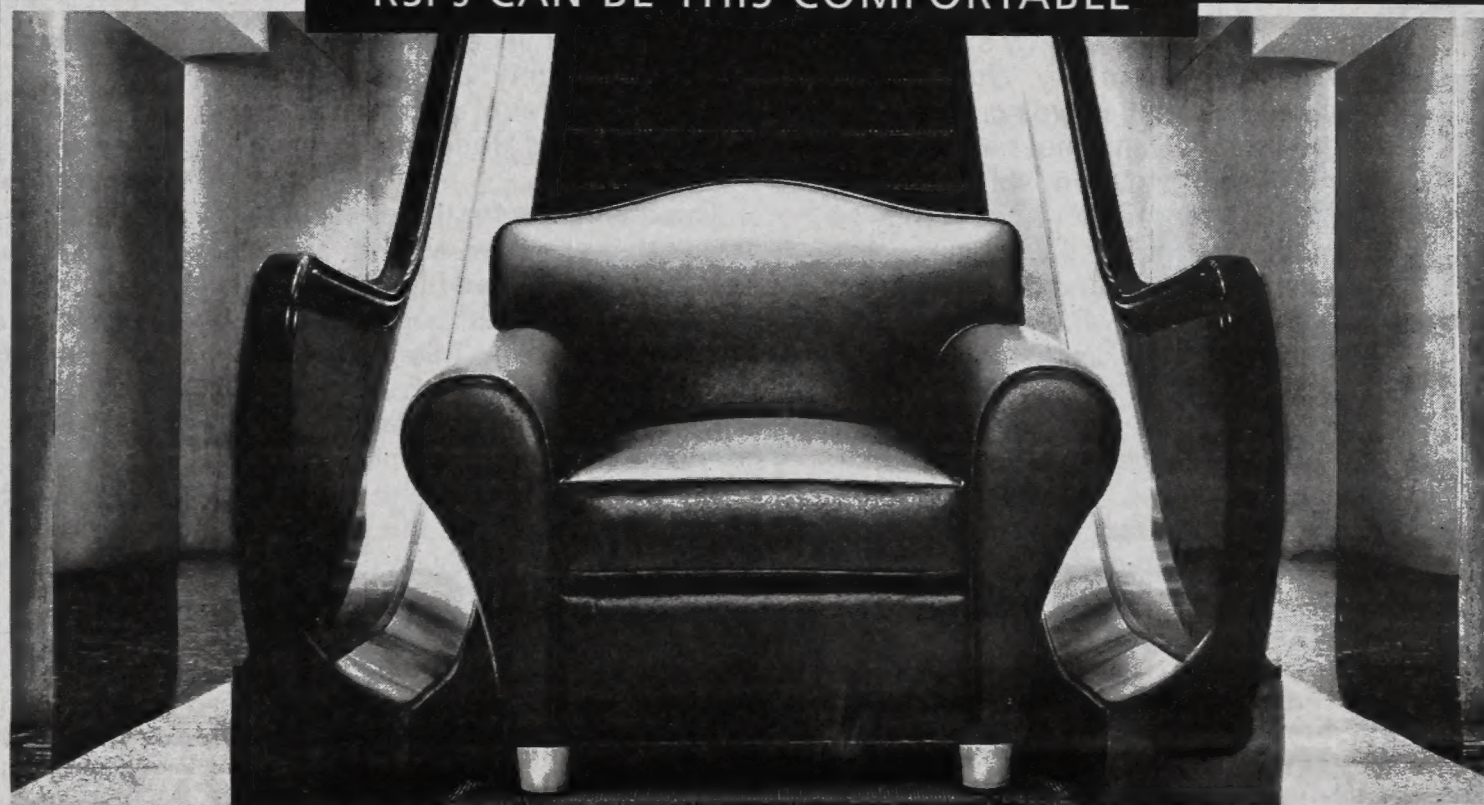
by Matthew Sitrer

Landfill sites will hold the future's largest cost for the County of Haliburton, says Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney. He expects the issue will have to be handled by the upper - tier (county) level of government.

"We are looking at ways to handle that situation," said Rigney. "Whether or not any one of

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Benefit limited: hauler

by Matthew Sitrer

Coboconk septic service provider Mike Shepherd says his business is not benefitting from the shut-down of many of Haliburton County's sewage haulers.

Since the Ministry of Environment's stipulation that haulers must complete hydrogeological reassessments of their winter storage lagoons, many service providers in the county have ceased collecting waste from Haliburton County

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Editorial

And then there were four

It all happened rather quietly. As the new millennium began, the consolidation of the county's municipalities became a reality. What was once nine entities was condensed into three. Dysart, not being involved in an amalgamation, soldiered on unchanged, (although there may be subtle changes in the relationships between Dysart and other three now that the relative size differential has narrowed. That discussion will have to await further observation).

The new Warden of Haliburton County, Murray Fearrey, correctly identified the task ahead of the municipal politicians at the inaugural meeting of the County Council Tuesday evening noting that, as far as restructuring was concerned, the county got what it asked for, two tiers. In most other jurisdictions across Ontario, the provincial government was promoting single tier government, with the enlarged juris-

dictions taking in as many municipalities as possible. Here, the mould was not used and a "made in Haliburton County" proposal was accepted, no doubt with some help from MPP Chris Hodgson.

The challenge for the politicians now is to make it work. And, as the new Warden pointed out, it certainly isn't unworkable, although those who regularly follow this column will know it is not our preferred choice. Each of the municipalities is headed by experienced politicians. All have been a part of the planning for the amalgamation and the transition groundwork that was carried out over the past year. Those transitions have, for the most part, gone ahead smoothly, with positive expectations and outcomes. Having experienced individuals at the municipal level and at the County Council table should help keep that momentum alive. The smaller

County Council, with just eight members, will also be more responsive to the needs of the community as a whole.

Fearrey called for even greater co-operation between municipalities and between the county and municipalities. He pointed out that if co-operation flounders, because of boundaries and turf protection, the transition to four municipalities will be made more difficult and could in fact doom the process. The threat behind that, of course, is that if the municipalities can't make it work, there are those in Queen's Park who think they have a formula that will.

Each new municipal council begins with an attitude of optimism and co-operation. Such was the case last Tuesday night. We look forward to that attitude continuing and the consequences being a more efficient and progressive Haliburton County.

jb

Letters

Smooth tracks for HCSA

Editor:

"Hats Off" to The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association and groomers. In over 20 years of snowmobiling, nothing has surpassed the trail conditions we enjoyed today, including the bright sunshine and breathtaking scenery.

Leaving Moore Falls, we did "The Loop", crossing Black Lake, north to Ox Narrows, east to Haliburton, south on The Railway Line and Iron Mine Road to home. 170 km and 7 hours later....thanks for the great day!

Hilary Brown and Leo Sepa,
Moore Falls

Behind every busy woman....

Editor:

There are always an abundance of "thank yous" in the paper to all the volunteers that are helping to make this community a great place to live.

I am chairperson of "Razzamataz - Kids Shows!" and I do depend greatly on all the work my fellow committee members are putting in to help keep our shows "on the road". I appreciate all the work they put in to give children in this area the experience of a live show.

At this time I would like to say "thank you" to their spouses however. The following men have helped greatly by taking over the "night shift" with

the kids when we had meetings, getting us going again when we are ready to quit and sharing our joys when we had a super show: Mike Bennet, Johannus Boots, Bruce Lee, Ian Munro, Ed Poropat, Rob Stonehouse and Anthony van Lieshout. Ian Munro even made us a new sign at his workplace to help us be more visible!

It is not always easy to coordinate a family's schedule, and these men have been essential in keeping "Razzamataz" running smoothly. Thank you very much!

Juliane van Lieshout, chairperson
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Bill James, co-chair and Larry Jinkerson, Treasurer of the Community Health Services Foundation, presented a cheque for \$25,880 to the County of Haliburton Fire Departments earlier this month.

The money will be used to purchase two defibrillators, seven respirators, stethoscopes and blood pressure cuffs to be used by the Haliburton Volunteer Fire Fighters in emergency responses.

In welcoming the donation, Miles Maughan, Chief Coordinator for the Haliburton County Fire Services stated, "Some communities in Haliburton do not have ambulances within 15 to 20 minutes dispatch time, so volunteer fire departments are often first on the scene. Having this equipment will enable our volunteers to care for cardiac patients until the ambulance arrives."

In announcing the donation, Bill James indicated that this money is part of the excess funds left over from the Heart Catheter Campaign. "When the Minister of Health announced in December, 1998 that the government of Ontario would fund 70%

of the cost of the lab, it meant that the Community Health Services Foundation had raised more money than it needed to fund the Heart Catheter Lab," James said. "In keeping with the Foundation's philosophy of putting every dollar raised to work, the Foundation is now in the process of donating the excess funds back to the communities which were so generous in their support."

The Heart or Cardiac Catheterization Lab was a \$7 million project and is now up and running at Peterborough Regional Health Centre. The Lab has the most advanced digital technology in the world and is shared by the residents of Durham Region and the Counties of Haliburton, Northumberland, North Hastings, Peterborough and the City of Kawartha Lakes.

The lab opened in May of 2000 and since then has treated hundreds of cardiac patients from throughout the Region.

Larry Jinkerson added, "Haliburton County was particularly helpful and supportive during the Heart Catheter Campaign and this is our way of saying thank-

you again to the community. The addition of defibrillators and respirators on fire trucks will mean even better care for Haliburton cardiac patients because, with heart attacks, time is critical. The Board of the Community Health Services Foundation is grateful and takes great pride in being able to help the volunteer fire fighters and members of this community."

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With the cell in the cell

If we had to kick all the tourists out of Canada except for one group, I'd vote to keep the Japanese.

They're wonderful guests. I like them because they bring lots of money and thoughtfully cram themselves into tour buses and group charters, leaving more room for the rest of us.

I like them because they're never loud or slovenly; they don't bull their way to the front of queues or yell across a restaurant "YEAH, YEAH, HONEY...BUT HOW MUCH IS THAT IN REAL MONEY?"

I like them because they actually believe Anne of Green Gables was a real person. And I love them because they're beginning to hate cell phones.

It wasn't always that way. Japan has had a torrid love affair with that wretched gizmo and it's not over yet. There are still some 55 million cell phones in Japan - just about one for every second man, woman and child.

They come in fluorescent colours, with wrist straps, even blinking antennas. And Japanese use their cell phones everywhere - in their cars, in restaurants, walking, even cycling. Which is ironic, because if there's one culture where the cell phone should be doomed

to be named Public Enemy Number One, you'd think it would be in Japan.

They are an incredibly polite people. You don't hear Japanese shouting or honking their horns in traffic jams. They don't gossip on the subway or play boom boxes at the beach. They are respectful of silence and of other peoples' space - so how come they went nuts for the most notorious shatterer of silence and solitude mankind has ever invented?

I don't know, but there's plenty of evidence that the ardour is cooling. Japanese restaurants are beginning to ban the use of cell phones in their dining areas. Some Japanese trains now carry electronic signs that flash an angry red when anyone uses a cell phone within 25 feet.

Cell phones are so voted-off-the-island that Japanese citizens are taking the unheard-of step of walking up to cell-phone-using strangers in public and asking them to turn the #%^&*ing things off. Other countries are following suit.

England, Spain, Italy, Israel, Brazil, Australia - all have either restricted or banned outright the use of cell phones

while driving. They're also looking at measures to at least curtail their use in public places.

Here in Canada cell phone fever continues to run amok. More than seven million Canucks own one. That's a whopping 30 percent increase in just one year. There's no question that the cell phone is here to stay - and a good thing, too.

But we do need to come up with some kind of protocol for using them in public. I'm sick of hearing one-sided yaks between Yuppies and their brokers when I'm riding on a bus or sitting in a restaurant.

My personal hero in the Cell Phone Wars? Judge Michael Martone, a district magistrate in Mount Clemens, Missouri. Judge Martone was trying a case in which the prosecuting attorney, one Michael L. Steinberg, repeatedly ignored the judge's instruction to turn off his cell phone. When Steinberg interrupted his questioning of a witness to take a call, Judge Martone's gavel came crashing down.

Ten days in jail for contempt of court. Nowadays Steinberg has a cell, but no phone.

Etcetera
Arthur Black

The perils of dealing with an unregistered contractor

Getting more than a good bargain

Individuals who hire unregistered individuals or a "company" to carry out renovation or construction work could be getting a lot more than they bargained for.

That was the message from David Foster of Reid/Foster Associates Consulting when he spoke to the regular meeting of the Haliburton Home Builders Association Wednesday at the Old Country House in Haliburton.

He explained that unregistered contractors are part of what is known as the "Underground Economy". These individuals will offer to do work at far below what a registered contractor would charge and therefore are attractive to individuals who are only concerned about the price of the work.

However, as Foster pointed out, while on the surface there may appear to be savings, (he did the calculations on one renovation job and estimated the difference could be as high as 44%), the homeowner is placing himself at serious risk by hiring an unregistered individual.

Foster said the reason nonregistered contractors can offer to do the job for so much less is that they are operating outside the law. He said they likely don't charge or remit GST for their work, something that has a great deal of appeal for consumers in general. "No one likes paying taxes and in fact many retailers use a "NO GST" promotion to attract customers."

However, Foster pointed out that it is more than the GST that is not being paid and that is how the homeowner puts himself at risk.

He pointed out that a non-registered contractor likely isn't paying (and therefore doesn't have to include in his pricing) personal income taxes on the construction income, employer health tax, Canada Pension Plan payments, Employment Insurance or Workers Compensation premiums. While most of

those reflect on the contractor's dishonesty, if he is not paying Workers Compensation, and the homeowner does not have a written contract with the builder, the homeowner becomes in effect the general contractor for the project. That means if the workers are injured on the worksite, the homeowner bears the legal responsibility for the situation. This could result in a fine from Workers Compensation. It also means that the workers, or in the case of a death, their survivors, could sue the homeowner for damages.

Foster cited a number of examples, including one where two workers, who were part of the underground economy, died on a job and the homeowner was held responsible and was sued. In another instance, workers for an unregistered company caused a fire which destroyed the home on which they were working. The homeowner's insurance company sought compensation from the contractor's insurance company, however since it didn't have coverage, the homeowner was unable to obtain compensation.

David Foster told the members of the Haliburton Home Builders Association that they had to be pro-active in protecting their industry from the 'underground economy'.



"As reputable contractors this hurts you," Foster said. "Not only are you losing business to this underground economy, often their work is shoddy, late and the whole industry gets a bad rap."

Foster said it was up to reputable contractors to come to their own defence. It is their responsibility to point out to the consumer that a cash "under the table deal" may be cheaper, but the risks are much greater.

"You are professionals," Foster said. He suggested the contractors tell the customer that the contract they ask the customer to sign offers much more than just the work it details. He described the contract as 'a customer protection package'. "The contract tells them that you will be there to complete the job, that there are warranty provisions and that the company they are dealing with is a reputable one that has proper protection in place for its workers and the homeowner in case of accident, or other claim. It ensures the quality of the work, the right material is used, no cost over runs," Foster told the group.

The association's advice to consumers is to deal only with a reputable company that offers a contract. Ask questions about Workers Compensation and other insurance coverage. "Get it in writing" is the only way consumers can protect themselves," Foster said. "A written contract is worth its weight in gold as protection for the homeowner."

Pamphlets explaining the value of using a reputable, registered company were circulated among the contractors. They were asked to make them available to the public.

President of the Haliburton Homebuilders Association, Paul Mayo, thanked Foster for the presentation, noting that it offered valuable insight into the dangers of the underground economy and how the contractors can respond to it.

Life insurance company RRSPs are worth a look

Submitted by Paul Espie

At the end of the year, many people start thinking about contributing to a registered retirement savings plan. Choosing a safe investment vehicle with a reasonable yield can be both challenging and confusing. Most Canadians buy guaranteed investment certificates for their RRSPs, usually at the last minute from banks and trust companies. But life insurance companies also offer competitive investment products, which provide features that other financial institutions do not.

According to a study by the Life Insurance Marketing and Research Association, Canadians invested almost 60 per cent of their RRSP funds with chartered banks and trust companies in 1989. About 21 per cent went to life insurance companies, 13 per cent to mutual funds and 10 per cent to credit unions.

When looking for a place to deposit your money, there are some aspects to life insurance company GICs you should consider.

GIC-type plans offered by insurance companies are called "deferred annuities," and they are governed by the federal Insurance Companies Act, not bank or trust company legislation.

You can designate a spouse, child or grandchild as a preferred beneficiary for your RRSP to protect your funds from creditors. Such protection is not available with a bank or trust company GIC.

In two recent court cases in Saskatchewan, the creditor-proofing aspect of a life insurance company GIC was challenged. However, one of these cases holds out some hope that if the policy holder can show it was bought in "good faith," an insurance policy ordinarily exempt from creditors may not be seized - even if it was acquired within five years of declaring bankruptcy.

When you designate a preferred beneficiary, the proceeds of your RRSP can be rolled over when you die to the beneficiary's RRSP; if the beneficiary is a spouse or financially dependent child or grandchild. This means there is no tax incurred to the estate.

Designating a beneficiary also avoids probate and executor fees, because the RRSP funds do not become part of your estate.

Almost all the life insurance companies operating in Canada are federally chartered and belong to the industry's compensation fund. This means the first \$60,000 is protected if the insurer becomes insolvent or can't meet its obligations. This is similar to the protection for bank and trust company GICs under the Canada Deposit Ins. Corp. Unlike banks and trust companies few insurance companies, lock in your GIC. They charge a "market value adjustment" on early withdrawal of funds, which means you can get out of the contract when necessary, usually without giving up all your investment earnings. This makes your RRSP highly liquid.

Insurance companies also offer longer investment terms, such as 10 or 15 years, while banks or trust companies rarely offer terms longer than seven years.

Generally speaking, interest rates for life insurance GICs are competitive. Most insurers offer enhanced rate for "in-house" RRSP money when it is used to purchase a life annuity or registered retirement income fund from the same company.

In addition to GIC-type plans, many insurance companies offer segregated funds (similar to mutual funds), which can be registered as RRSPs. The return on these investments is comparable to mutual funds and there is an attractive extra benefit - a guarantee.

Segregated funds promise to repay at least 75 per cent of the principal at your death, no matter what the value, and some repay 100 per cent on death. These guarantees are not available in mutual funds.

Finally, there is an intangible feature when purchasing an RRSP through an insurance company - the value of your time. You don't have to stand in line or rely on bank tellers for over-the-counter advice.

Most insurance advisers offer personal service and help in assessing your future retirement needs. Many can shop the market for you to obtain the best rate.

Planning your retirement requires more than cursory attention once a year. Think carefully about all the investments you make, since your decisions today will affect your future retirement income.

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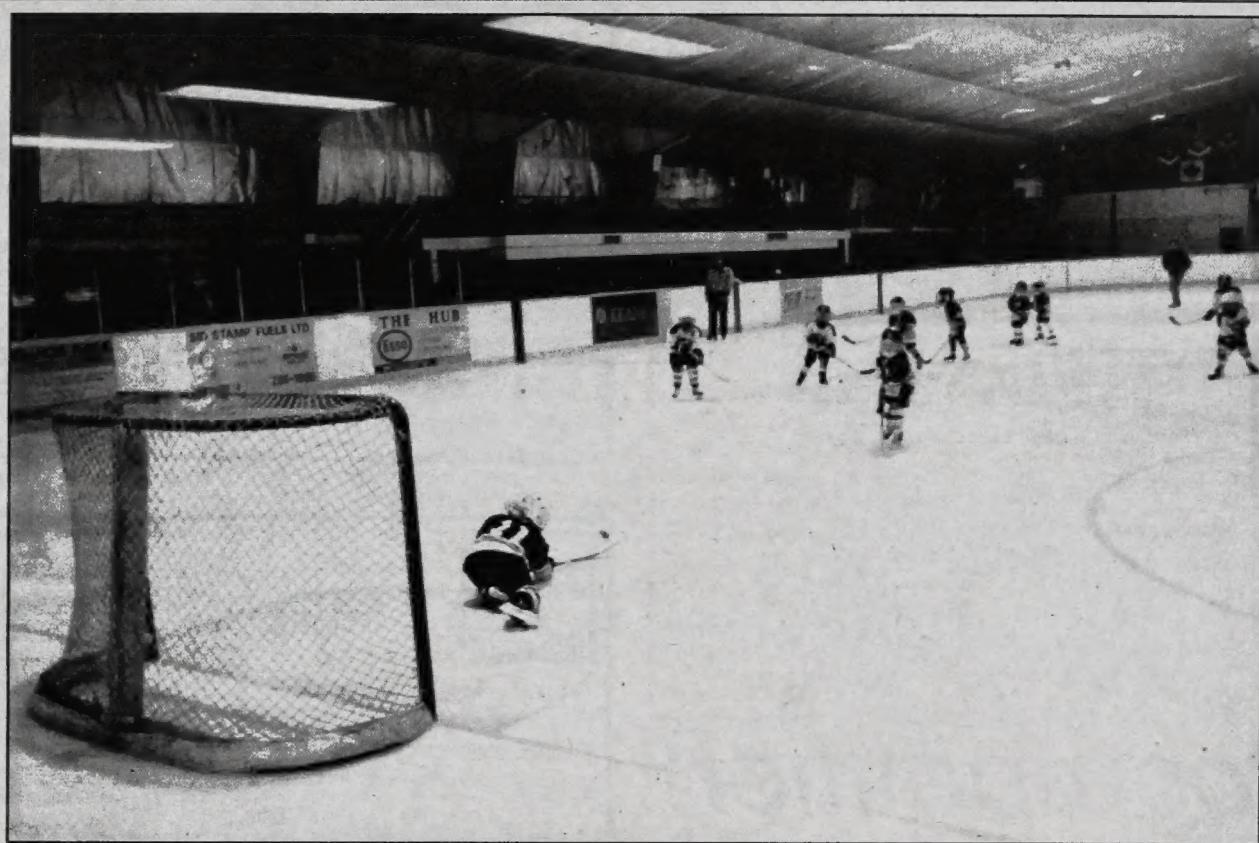
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Sports

Business Person's Bonspiel

Saturday, February 3
at the
Minden Curling Club



DECISIVE WIN: The Minden Mite team skated to a decisive win over Mariposa Saturday morning at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. Tanner Hamilton, Tanner Ballantyne and Jacob Harrison each scored twice and Jordan Howe added a single to the Minden tally.

Minden Novice A Monarchs win B Championship

It has been an ongoing struggle all season for the Novice A Monarchs hockey team, but perseverance and hard work paid off as the Monarchs took the B championship at their own tournament, held January 13 at Minden's S.G. Nesbitt memorial Arena. The championship win ended the team's regular season on a high note.

The first game for the Minden team brought the Monarchs to the arena bright and early to face the Bracebridge Bears. Minden dominated the game, with Tanner Cowan scoring in the second period, assisted by Kelsey Pierson and Robby Hicks.

Bracebridge came back to tie the game in the third period. That would be the only goal the Bears would get past Paddy Manuge in the Minden net.

Ashton Haley scored what proved to be the game's winning goal, assisted by Jason Chapman. Chapman continued the scoring streak for Minden, adding four in a row for the 6-1 victory. Assists went to Brett Hicks Ryan Smith and Ashton Haley.

Tanner Cowan was named MVP of the game.

The second game for the Monarchs matched them against local rivals from Haliburton. The Huskies notched one in the first period and added a second marker early in the second.

Minden came back with a goal by Kelsey Pierson, assisted by Robby Hicks and Ryan Smith. Jason Chapman tied the score, with an assist going to Katelin Cowan.

Before the second period ended, Haliburton regained the lead.

Minden wasn't going to give up easily as the solid defensive team of Michael Callaghan Dean Hutchison, Katelin Cowan and Ryan Smith gave their all to make sure no more went past goalie Paddy Manuge.

The Monarchs regained even ground with a goal by Chapman to end the game in a tie. Ashton Haley assisted on the tying goal.

Overtime saw the two teams fight back and forth until they had only three skaters apiece. Haliburton

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Lester Brothers earn six top-10 finishes in Michigan

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Brimley, Michigan and the Bay Mills Casino hosted a double-header international round of the Canadian and American Snowcross Racing Association (CSRA-ASRA) 2001 schedule on the January 13 and 14 weekend. The event drew over 700 entries and featured spectacular racing on a gnarly, man-made course.

Minden's AJ Lester rode Ski-Doo's to his first Semi-Pro win of his young career. After winning all his qualifiers in Semi-Pro 500, 600 and Open, he was anxious to prove he could win when it counts — in final round competition.

When the gate opened in the Semi-Pro Open final, AJ cracked the throttle and unleashed the imposing power of his Ski-Doo, which rocketed him into the

first turn, on a track that demanded positive bite. After only two turns, AJ was in second place and charging toward the leader on a track which was strewn with huge moguls and jumps. By the sixth lap, he had the leader in his sights. As they exited the last turn and charged toward the finish line jump, AJ turned under the leader, pulled the trigger and made a crowd-pleasing mid-air pass to take the win by a sled length.

In the Semi-Pro 600 final action, AJ pulled a holeshot and built a huge lead after only three laps. Unfortunately, his lead was reduced to a sled length as a result of a red flag restart. AJ carded a solid second by the checkers but knew he had a win in his reach before the restart.

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Canada



Busy session ahead for curlers

by Sandy Cole

A warm welcome back to all the curlers for the second schedule and a hearty "glad to have you" to all the new people who have decided to give curling a try. It looks like a very busy and exciting session coming up at the club.

As always there is senior play during most daytimes; regular curling Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings and the junior club after school on Thursdays. Spectators are welcome to come out and watch the action any time.

The sign-up sheet is filling up for this year's Winter Mixed bonspiel, set for January 26-28. If you would like to put in a team or are a single and would like to play you had better sign up fast. Contact the club 286-3311 or Melanie Vigrass 286-4380 for details.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 3 for the annual "Businesspersons Bonspiel." This is a special fun event that should not be missed! Here is the time for non-curlers to come out and try the game, meet people and have loads of fun. This event is geared to welcome everyone from businesses, curlers, and non curlers to come out and enjoy yourselves. There is no serious play allowed and everyone receives a prize and a great pot luck dinner for the efforts.

There are two special events coming up that anyone and everyone should try to attend.

The second "Five (\$5) Gets You Food and Fun" day is set for Sunday, February 25. This is open to all club members, friends, family, and the community of curlers and wannabe curlers. We will set up the teams and provide the chili. All you have to do is simply show up and have fun. The curling will start at 2 p.m. and be followed by the chili fest. What a fun and easy way to experience Minden's favourite winter pastime! You can sign up at the club or call Gail at 286-3300. The deadline for sign-up is February 20.

Monday Night Ladies'

Melanie Vigrass 9, Irene Alexander 6.
Sandy Cole 6, Zelda Cooper 4.
Cheryl Murdoch 8, Pat Woodcroft 4.

Tuesday Night Men's

Ted Wilkes 13, Don Ballantyne 5.
Rob Eaton 15, Howard Scott 3.
Alf Trotter 5, Dwight Thomas 4.
Trevor Cole 9, Bill Roodenburg 1.

Thursday Night Mixed

Ted Wilkes 6, Gail Grainger 5.
Ross Davies 9, Rob Eaton 8.
Jack Taylor 7, Melanie Vigrass 5.
Pat Woodcroft 9, Murray Cooper 2.
Cheryl Murdoch 10, Warren Payne 4.
Sandy Cole 7, Alf Trotter 6.

Record set at competition

It has been an active week of cross-country competition here in the Highlands.

The Haliburton Invitational, on January 13 and 14, resulted in some great racing and a new course record of 25:46 for the 10 kilometer course by Chris Boulton skiing for Queen's University. Second in Sunday's free techniques race was Chris Algar of Laurentian with Justin Faulkner of Waterloo coming third.

Also on Sunday, Ryan Bottum of Haliburton was tops in the under 14 category, with Myles Nicholson placing third in the 3.5 km event. Their gritty performance is the sign

of great things to come from the Haliburton ski club's newly-formed team.

Coaches Pizzey and Crete have been diligently preparing young racers to wow the competition in the coming years.

In Saturday's classic technique race, Carl Giesbrecht of Laurentian was tops in the men's 15 km race, while Becky Laakso, also of Laurentian, took the top spot in the women's 10 km event. Becky also won the women's race on Sunday.

Nordic Notes

by Blake Paton

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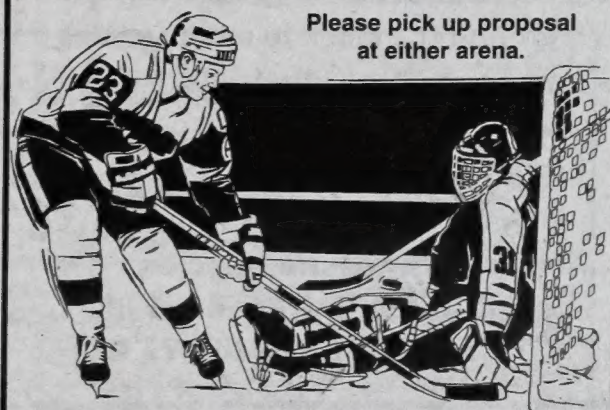
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Thursday 8th Feb. 7:15 pm to 8:15 pm
Friday 9th Feb. 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

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Both racers improving with each competition

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In Semi-Pro 500 action, AJ finished a solid seventh after a mid-pack start on a chewed up course which offered little opportunity for passing. He also "raced up" this weekend into Pro 600 and finished a highly credible 9th in his first ever Pro Class race.

All in all, this was definitely 16 year-old AJ Lester's best weekend in his five-year racing career. AJ extended special thanks to his race wrench Steve "Stretch" Charity for tuning his Ski-Doo to perfection.

Luke Lester, racing his Tim George tuned Polaris Pro-A Edge sleds, showed solid improvement again this weekend. In qualifying rounds, Luke powered his Edge 440 and 726 to the front row in both the Pro 500 final and the Pro Open final with his strongest runs this season.

In the Pro Open final, Luke battled through a 15-sled field after a poor start. Using the superb suspension and Tim George's fine tuning, Luke was able to carve through traffic and score a solid sixth place at the checkers. Luke showed solid improvement in his ability to go fast for the full 10 laps of the final, proving he can run with the best in CSRA and ASRA.

After railing in Pro 500 qualifying straight into the front row, Luke launched hard in the final, only to get tangled in traffic in the first turn. When the ice crystals settled, Luke was again battling from the back of the pack. As the race wore on, Luke continued to thread his way through traffic and ended up a hard fought seventh at the checkered flag.

Luke has been steadily improving his performance each week and was anxious for the CSRA to return to Lindsay for the first round of the Kawartha Cup at the Lindsay Fairgrounds this past weekend.

Monarchs edge Lakefield in overtime to earn B title

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prevailed in this nail-biter, slipping a spinning rebound past the Minden netminder, handing the Monarchs a heart-breaking defeat.

Ryan Smith was named MVP for Minden in that game.

After quiet contemplation between games, the Monarchs came out with a vengeance to face the extremely large Lakefield team. Lakefield took the lead very early in the first period, but the Monarchs replied with a goal by Jason Chapman. Tanner Cowan and Kelsey Pierson assisted. Then, the excellent puck handling and skating abilities of Captain Robby Hicks earned him an unassisted goal that put the Monarchs in front by a 2-1 score at the end of the first frame.

Lakefield had a strong second period, scoring two goals in quick succession to regain the lead.

The Monarchs continued their intense team effort in the third, refusing to quit. Great defensive plays by Michael Callaghan and Dean Hutchison and a number of game-saving stops by goalie Paddy Manuge kept Lakefield from adding to its lead.

Jason Chapman knotted the contest with an un-

assisted goal, sending the game into overtime for the second time in as many games for the Monarchs.

The Monarchs showed their desire to win with their smart plays, passes and saves. The players dwindled to three on three once again. This time, the Minden squad wasn't about to give anything up. Jason Chapman scored his eighth goal of the tournament to give the Monarchs the victory. Ryan Smith and Katelin Cowan assisted.

Dean Hutchison was awarded the MVP honours for the game.

Elation was the mood in the dressing room after the B Championship was awarded to the Minden team.

The tournament was a huge success, enjoyed by all of the players and spectators. Three of the four championship games were won in overtime, providing some intense, excellent hockey for all the spectators.

The Haliburton Huskies went on to win the A Championship.

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High school students assist MNR with fish study

by Jennifer Minto - Student Intern

"If it's dealing with fish, I'm excited!" said Ministry of Natural Resources Fisheries Extension Biologist David Flowers, as the facts were displayed and data presented January 12 by the HHSS students.

In co-operation with Dave Mowat, head of the HHSS Science Department, as well as Flowers, the students did numerous trap netting studies on Lake Kashagawigamog last fall, revealing information that the MNR could not have afforded to provide staff to research.

Even though it is too early to draw a great deal from the information, the MNR can still use the data as a viable resource in the future as the students continue their research.

"This is only the beginning," said Flowers to an audience of students who volunteered on the project, "The main thing is that by showing the data, we are only now beginning to interpret it."

A 28 pound muskellunge was the biggest fish caught and the oldest was a 13 year-old smallmouth bass. The number of walleye that were studied and found to be reproducing in the Drag River is greater than before. With an estimate of another five years of data collecting, the HHSS students will have provided the MNR with a sustainable amount of information that will help plot future management strategies.

"You have to start somewhere or else you

wouldn't have anything to use as a barometer," he said.

Flowers was asked if the data collected about the walleye aged one to two years was an indication that the Drag River Rehabilitation Project was successful in increasing the population.

"As a good biologist I want more info," he said. "There are some direct benefits and signs of success that are recognized, but we should follow up on the

information for two or three years. Mother Nature has a lot to do with the rehabilitation process."

Using the trap-nets, a total of 773 fish were collected, weighed and measured. After all the data was collected the fish were returned to the lake alive, ready for the next year when the students of HHSS will be out recording the data, which the Ministry will analyze and record for the interest of the community.

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High average: Bailey Cole 75

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High average: Robert Cox 116; Tori Brown 126

High single: Creighton Griffin 131; Tori Brown 142

High triple: Creighton Griffin 321; Tori Brown 376

Junior

High average: Jeff Mickle 158; Lesley Cox 154

High single: Jake Walker 224; Lesley Cox 174

High single (handicap): Ryan Robinson 263; Corinne Hogg 213

High triple: Jake Walker 525; Lesley Cox 462

High triple (handicap): Brad Brown 625; Corinne Hogg 587

Senior

High average: Joe Cox 193; Kelly Berry 178

High single: Matt Reinwald 267; Kelly Berry 195

High single (handicap): Matt Hogg 273; Kelly Berry 213

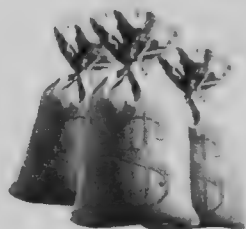
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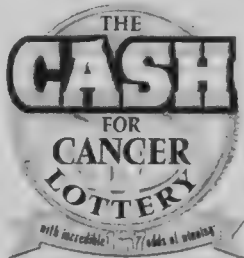
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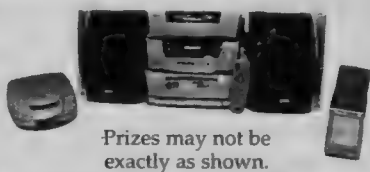
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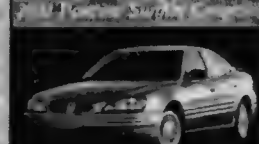
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Bowling

Legion 636 Mixed (January 3)

High average: Fred Knight 185; Maxine Cross 171
High single: Bob Vankoughnet 210; Maxine Cross 196
High single (handicap): Marcel Roussel 276; Flo Roussel 245
High triple: Jim Hindle 542; Maxine Cross 532
High triple (handicap): Len Kroes 725; Vina Drudge 685

Monday Night Mixed

High average: Scott Moore 241; Michelle Moore 188
High single: Al Clement 326; Michelle Moore 248
High single (handicap): Al Clement +137; Gail Crowe +53
High triple: Scott Moore 779; Michelle Moore 558
High triple (handicap): Darren Cole +132; Janet Hume +55

Tuesday Afternoon

Seniors'
(January 2)
High average: Ron Earle 180; Theresa Fox 166
High single: Neville Whiteside 230; Theresa Fox 176
High single (handicap): Neville Whiteside 276; Renata Grober 236
High triple: Neville Whiteside 632; Theresa Fox 463
High triple (handicap): Neville Whiteside 770; Renata Grober 640

Tuesday Night Mixed (January 2)

High average: Len Punt Jr. 233; Cathy Snell 230
High single: Len Punt Jr. 296; Cathy Snell 264
High single (handicap): Mike Hartin 273; Rawn Lougheed 264
High triple: Len Punt Jr. 834; Cathy Snell 656
High triple (handicap): Mike Hartin 718; Rawn Lougheed 675

Thursday Afternoon Seniors' (December 21)

High average: Addie

Dykstra 202; Grace (December 14)
Chapman 184
High average: Walt Stegmaier 225; Joan Rivard 187
High single: Walt Stegmaier 335; Joan Rivard 270
High single (handicap): Walt Stegmaier 337; Joan McKay 310
High triple: Walt Stegmaier 787; Joan McKay 610
High triple (handicap): Walt Stegmaier 793; Joan McKay 732

Thursday Night Mixed

Shuffleboard

Stanhope Fire Hall Seniors Social Club Mixed Shuffleboard League results:

Tuesday Afternoon League (January 2)

High scores: Syd Lockhart and Lottie Ruttan 286; George Hamilton and Shirley Alderton 284; Lara Carnegie and Maureen Ireland 281.
Low score: Ellen Holden and Marvel Eager 91.

Tuesday Afternoon League (January 9)

High scores: Larry Arena and Ellen Holden 264; George Hamilton and Carlie McDonald 255; Beverly Alexander and Helen Skelding 244.
Low score: Jim Budd and Lottie Ruttan 67.

Tuesday Afternoon League (January 16)

High scores: Larry Arena and Laura Carnegie 419; George Hamilton and Shirley Anderton 322; Jim Budd and Helen Skelding 298.
Low score: Marj Hamilton and Margaret Albers 132.

Waste disposal a county issue?

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the municipalities is going to be big enough to handle it on their own, I suspect we will have to go to the upper tier with respect to landfill sites, and have a master plan that affects and does the job for everybody." Otherwise, each municipality will end up spending isolated amounts of money - some larger than others, to handle the issue effectively, he said. "And then we still wouldn't have achieved the whole goal for the county."

The fact that Dysart Council has moved to apply for the funding for an Eco Waste Oxidizer as part of its plan to combat the dwindling landfill capacity, doesn't necessarily mean there will be a push to go down that road for everyone. "I think what will push it down any kind of a road will be the cost," said Rigney. "My sense is that if we decide that is the way to go, we would look at it more from the point of view of 'Could we be doing it as a county?' I don't think any one of us is big enough to do things on our own, maybe what they can do is something that we can all tie-into later on, and that would make sense."

Rigney says he suspects the issue will be discussed at County Council during the coming year, but that any allocation of funding would result in nothing more than a down payment on whatever waste-management system is chosen. "We've got to very intelligently decide how best to proceed, and then do it at an upper tier level," he said.

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Into the White Continent

Antarctica trip creates new perspective for students

by Jennifer Minto - Student Intern

As Ryan Sisson and Adam Bathe returned from their trip to Antarctica, they realize that it was not all about the pictures they brought home. Returning from the once in a lifetime trip more than a week ago, they assumed that they both had taken the same things out of the experience. But in fact that was not the case. Stepping onto a brilliantly serene continent has proven to have changed them both in many ways.

Each of the students had extraordinary stories to tell about the delicate place they called home for two weeks. As described in the journals that each published on the Internet (and reprinted the last two weeks in *The Times*), the magnitude of wildlife and ecology around them was enough to sustain their attention for hours on end. But they both agree that what was said in their journals was not even close to half the memories of the adventure, as the entries were only factual and not the spiritual aspects the trip provided.

Each of the voyagers has his own perception of the comparison between Canada and Antarctica. Sisson was surprised and delighted to discover how his educational experiences helped him appreciate the excursion to Antarctica. He recalls an incident when they were going out in the Zodiac with scientists. He watched them at their work and realized that he was familiar with most of the equipment that they would be using for one of the research experiments. He had seen it all before and used much of it in Mr. Mowat's grade 11 Biology class.

This made Sisson ponder that all of the hype about the trip might not have been what he thought in the beginning. This is not to say that there is any disappointment at all. He comments that the lectures were informative and all of the scientists were extremely knowledgeable, but that wasn't a factor in the

life changing experience. "The ability to just reach somewhere you've never seen before," states Ryan, "just seeing and realizing the power of the continent is where you change your philosophy of how you see your life forever."

Bathe also recalls comparing the two continents. Returning from this fantasy world has made him see the profound impact on his life. As he left the plane in New York and set foot back into a certain reality, he was afraid of what he had returned to. The first news story that he saw was of a murderous outbreak in Texas and he then remembered the violence which he had forgotten while in Antarctica.

He soon came to the realization that since he had returned home, not one positive thing had happened, and felt guilty for wanting to go back to the fantasy of where he had been. "It was like a dream that was so surreal," says Bathe, "I would find myself taking pictures but unable to capture or compare it to anything." After a while, Bathe began to leave his camera behind; the mechanical device wasn't fulfilling his intentions. He wanted to experience everything for himself.

Both students have returned with aspirations of being better people. They both discussed the problems of our nation and what can be done to make things better. Sisson recalls telling himself that he would be able to bring the serenity and the beauty of the white continent back, but realized quite quickly how different both there and here really is. He recalls finding himself focusing on one penguin and asking himself, "How can there be so much life?"

Sisson was moved by the way the isolated continent of Antarctica has been affected by the intrusion of human beings. There was a time when the first human life walked upon the surface of Antarctica, and left a lasting impact on the penguin population. As the

man walked over the snow and ice, he met a group of penguins in the midst of their daily routine. As he continued, the penguins would have to part and walk around him. Even two days after the man had passed and gone on his way, the penguins persisted parting and going around where the man had been, as if he was still there. Sisson uses this story as a demonstration of the impact of civilization on the wildlife of Antarctica.

"We live in a nation that does not work hard enough to conserve," commented Ryan. The fact that our country is locked in a consumerism frenzy does not impress either student.

They had both realized this before they left on the trip, however the unfathomable serenity of their experiences, witnessing and learning what civilization can do to such a place, has made the theory become part of their lives.

While in Buenos Aires, Argentina, they were tourists, riding a bus to witness the country and found it was covered in advertising. This began the new-found images in their minds of how they could prevent just this. Behind a green, full of life place was the consumerism that they have both come to question.

But seeing these things only contributed to the change. Sisson knows now that he was taking things for granted, just because the resource was there for him. Travelling to a place where there is nobody to intrude allowed him to discover these theories. "This trip not only makes you want to change, but inspires you to do so."

Their action plan now is to eventually pass on the message of minimizing

our ecological footprint. To try and make everything that we are doing as "Earth Friendly" as we possibly can. "Most people aspire to be part of the problem instead of the solution," they commented, "but only because it is much simpler." Each expressed disappointment that environmental protocols are just not being implemented because of the cost.

Bathe and Sisson commented on the difficulty of teaching others about their experiences. Both found it to be more of a personal fulfilment than anything. They are in the process of creating a presentation for their fellow students as well as the public, even though they want to make sure that the pretty pictures are not the only focus.

"It is apparent to me after travelling to Antarctica," comments Ryan as he slowly leans back into the chair, reminiscing about the thrill of the quest, "that it is like no other place that I will ever see again."

Both recognize now their journey has just begun. Teaching people about their experience is the task at hand. In their minds they are still there in the white continent.

The pair emphasized that people should aspire to take their own adventure or to go on a spiritual journey of their own that will allow them to see things for what they are really worth. As the interview comes to a close, both students are dreaming of the Antarctic. Sisson says, "You really have to see it to believe it because it is much more than you can ever imagine."

For a glimpse of what the students saw in Antarctica, see photo on page 16 and 17.

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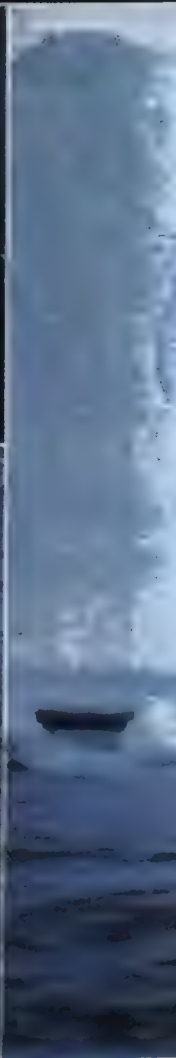
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Calls are down during the winter months

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holding and septic tanks.

For some home owners, the situation has resulted in a one hundred percent increase in pump-out service call charges.

"We've done some," said Shepherd referring to the minute amount of new service he has provided to county residents as a result of the shortage. "Mostly for Kernohan Septic Service. They made arrangements and called us

to let us know - I'm not after the business, to take it away from them. It will happen for this winter, but hopefully, things will get back to normal this summer."

As for the 'hundreds' of septic and holding tanks on area lakes in the municipality of Sherborne, Stanhope et al that were purportedly at risk of not being pumped - Shepherd said that he just doesn't see reason for any concern. "There's not hundreds this winter-time," he said. "I'm lucky if I get two a week. There is during summer - there's just not the business right now."

Shepherd said that during winter, his company's septic and holding tank pumping workload slows down to about 10% of what it is during the busy seasons and that a lagoon shortage in Haliburton County isn't changing this. "We are doing a little more than we normally would up there," he continued, "We're lucky if we are doing two a day, but some of them are our own customers."

As of May 2000, the MOE's regulations kicked in, specifying that unlined sewage lagoons were required to have a hydrogeological study undertaken to gauge what, if any, environmental impact the sites were having.

This was included in every haulers most recent Certificate of Approval, said Shepherd, but the MOE says that has not received any word from haulers in Haliburton County who want to go ahead with the study.

Shepherd said that sewage haulers have to know that they have enough business before paying the amount of money to make such a test worth their while. "It's hardly even worthwhile for us, to tell you the truth," he said. "For what it costs - It's just that you have to do it or you won't have anything to do at all."

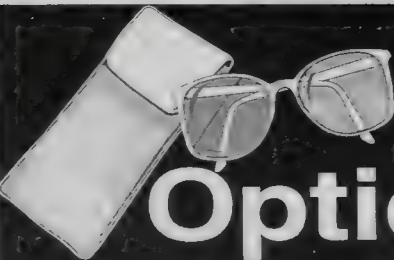
Shepherd says he will have invested close to \$50,000 which includes the hydrogeological study cost for a new lagoon in northern Kawartha Lakes. "Some companies don't even have sales like that in a year," he points out. "I feel for them. It would have been nice for the municipalities or whoever has the sewage plants to get their plants set up to accept this sewage."

Shepherd said that the size of his company dictated that he go ahead and fulfil the MOE's obligations. "We do a lot more than most of them," he explained. "We had our own property and lagoon, so it wasn't like we were starting from brand new."



Santa's elves

Minden firemen were working with Santa Claus this past Christmas season. The members of the department helped collect toys and food for the Christmas baskets with their annual drive. Seen here with some of the items donated by the community are firemen, from the left, front row: Dean Mark, Council representative Grant Plooard, Doug Schell, Tony Prentice, Barry Thompson, Myles Gartshore, Donny Schlosser; back row, Derrick Moore, Tom Prentice Jr., Jay Garbutt, Terry Prentice, Don Stromberg, Bob Robinson, Kevin Windover, Jamie Walker. (Missing are Bill Hogg, Jerry Harrison, Barrie Sisson, Ron Reid.)



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- Adam Bathe

A helping hand reaches around the world

by Matthew Sittler

March 18 looms large in the mind of a local 24 year old Outdoor Educator.

That's when an exciting trip to the Republic of Vanuatu, an island located in the South Pacific begins for Jessica Brenner, who works at the Kinark Outdoor Centre north of Minden.

Brenner has been chosen to participate in a challenging, six week Leadership Practicum, along with 20 other young adults between the ages of 18 and 24, by the Youth Challenge International (YCI) Organization. She expects the experience to have a very positive influence on her life.

"I learned about Youth Challenge's programs through another staff member here," she explains. "The trip will be six weeks long and will teach us aspects of team building, wilderness first-aid and will enable us to learn more about the country of Vanuatu and its customs."

Brenner's eyes ignite as she explains how four weeks of the international trip will focus on specific project work which may include the building of a medical clinic or helping with another much-needed community project. "It will most likely be along the lines of an environmental or medical facility construction of some type," she says.

Brenner will be notified by YCI of the specifics soon. For now, she is busy raising funds and

sending appeal letters to local businesses in order to help finance her trip. The worthwhile odyssey

offers the local community an opportunity to help out someone who fills her days with efforts that strive to teach children and young adults the finer points of outdoor education within Haliburton County.

Participation in the trip requires that Brenner raise \$2850 to cover the actual program costs, but this does not pay expenses such as personal medical and travel fees, so vital to the trip.

"So far I have raised \$1800," she explains enthusiastically. Raising that amount through personal efforts such as a Children's Workshop and Turkey Raffle she personally held in her hometown of Renfrew, Ontario, Brenner is optimistic her financial goals will be reached.

Jessica Brenner graduated from Sir Sanford Flemming's Parks and Forest Recreation Diploma Program in 1997. She worked at a Tree Nursery in Georgetown before settling among the forests of Haliburton to continue her outdoor work at the

Kinark Centre.

The Outdoor Educator completed her Outdoor Internship working at Haliburton Forest and Wildlife and at the Kinark Outdoor Centre for four months respectively. Her internship included a stint at Camp Wanakita as well.

"I just know that this trip will be so good," she says, as she looks forward to helping citizens of Vanuatu's third world community thousands of miles away. "It has a tropical climate and rugged interior," she told

The Times. "I expect the trip will greatly strengthen my leadership abilities and afford me the once-in-a-lifetime chance to travel and see how these people live." Anyone who would like to help make Jessica Brenner's trip to Vanuatu a reality, can do so by making their donations payable to Youth Challenge International and forwarding it to Jessica at the Kinark Outdoor Centre. Donations over \$25 will receive a tax receipt from YCI.



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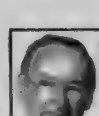
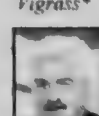
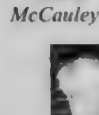
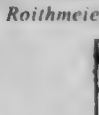
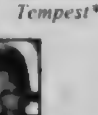
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French Immersion is popular with students, parents and teacher

Students discover another language

by Anne Creelman

A group of young girls gets off the school bus and breaks into a run. One of them yells, "Hurry up, we don't want to be late."

The drive from Minden to Haliburton hasn't dampened their enthusiasm and they yell "Bonjour, Madame Creelman," as they scurry past. These young people are some of the first students in Haliburton County's first French Immersion class and are fine examples of how school board amalgamation has changed the face of education in our county for the better.

French Immersion became an option after the amalgamation of the Haliburton County School Board with the Victoria and Muskoka school boards. Last spring, it became evident that a growing number of families would like to see the immersion program offered. The Board decided that if there were enough registrants, they would offer the program countywide and provide bussing to Stuart Baker Elementary School, where a classroom was available. The numbers presented enough for a Grade One/Two split class so the search for a teacher was on.

Madame Janice Benoit, a bilingual teacher of 14 years, was soon hired for the very large task of implementing a new program to a diverse group of children.

The class at Stuart Baker Elementary School is like any other class in a primary school; colour groups with five or six children working on math, language, writing and art. Of the 25 students, 14 are in grade one; 11 in grade two. They come from Wilberforce, Minden and Haliburton. They get along well, helping each other when needed and laughing together...a lot. The major difference: the teacher is called "Madame" and the lessons are "en français." After four and a half months of French Immersion, the response so far is very positive from parents, students and the school community.

Chris and Michele Coneybeare were very interested in the French Immersion program for their



BONJOUR: Morning exercises in Madame Benoit's class are very busy, especially dressing Bozo Le Clown for winter weather.

daughter Lily but were concerned about the bus ride to Haliburton. "When we heard Janice Benoit was the teacher, we knew the program was going to be first rate and that was a real deciding factor for us."

Lily had some adjustments in the first few weeks since she was both leaving her old friends and learning a new language. It really didn't take very long for things to smooth out.

Madame Benoit says that it has been a rewarding and worthwhile challenge. "It is so important with any new program that the foundation is laid carefully. With lan-

guage-learning, reading, writing and oral go hand in hand but there has to be a balance of curriculum and language so that the children are able to experience success. The first part of the year was about learning the language, now we are learning "in" the language. I am so pleased and proud of how the students have embraced this way of learning."

Principal Debbie Wales said "I think it is has en-
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riched our school and added another dimension to its personality. I give full credit to the parents, the teacher and of course, the students for making it such a success."

Madame Benoit stresses the importance of co-operation and communication between home and school. "It is essential we're all working together in this or it wouldn't work."

Mrs. Wales also points out that French Immersion is not just for people who speak French. In fact, there are several families enrolled who have no French background whatsoever. "The important component is for parents to support their child by showing them good study habits, praising their efforts and fostering a love of learning, regardless of the language used."

Jude King is one of the parents who didn't have any French in her background although her husband Glen Diezel is Swiss. They felt very strongly about how enriching it could be for their daughter Grace to learn another language. "I think especially when you live in a smaller town like Minden or Haliburton, it is good to have a more global perspective of the world. French Immersion broadens the horizons. The whole program seems to be a different way of learning, almost more physical, with the singing and gestures, and it works. Grace is really excited to learn French and it has rubbed off on our whole family. I think we are so lucky to have been the first class and I think it is only going to get better," says Ms. King.

King and Coneybeare credit the staff and atmosphere at Stuart Baker for making the whole experience a positive one. Both commented that it isn't

only French that makes school enjoyable. "The school has so much to offer with things like Intramural Program, Kilometre Club, Chess Club, school choir. I am so impressed by the staff and all they do," says Mrs. Coneybeare.

Jude King feels that the small school has been a real bonus. "Grace loves the library program and has made a lot of new friends. The whole school community has welcomed the experience."

Students comment

What do these new French students think about it all? Lily Coneybeare states, "I like being able to say things in French to my family. It's not harder, it's just different."

Taelor Campbell says "I like the activities, and the songs. The bus is lots of fun. Everyone is really nice to us."

Grace Diezel says "I like colouring, and singing and the activities and especially, Madame!"

When Lauren Devolin was asked how she liked French Immersion she simply replied, "Tres bien, merci."

French Immersion is not for every child nor is it everyone's choice, just as dance lessons or hockey aren't everyone's choosing. But at least now, the option is available here in Haliburton County and it could lead to so many other possibilities.

Learn more

If you are interested in learning more about French Immersion, there is an information meeting at Stuart Baker Elementary School on January 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the French Immersion classroom and also at Archie Stouffer Elementary School on January 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the library. You may also call at 457-1342 for details.

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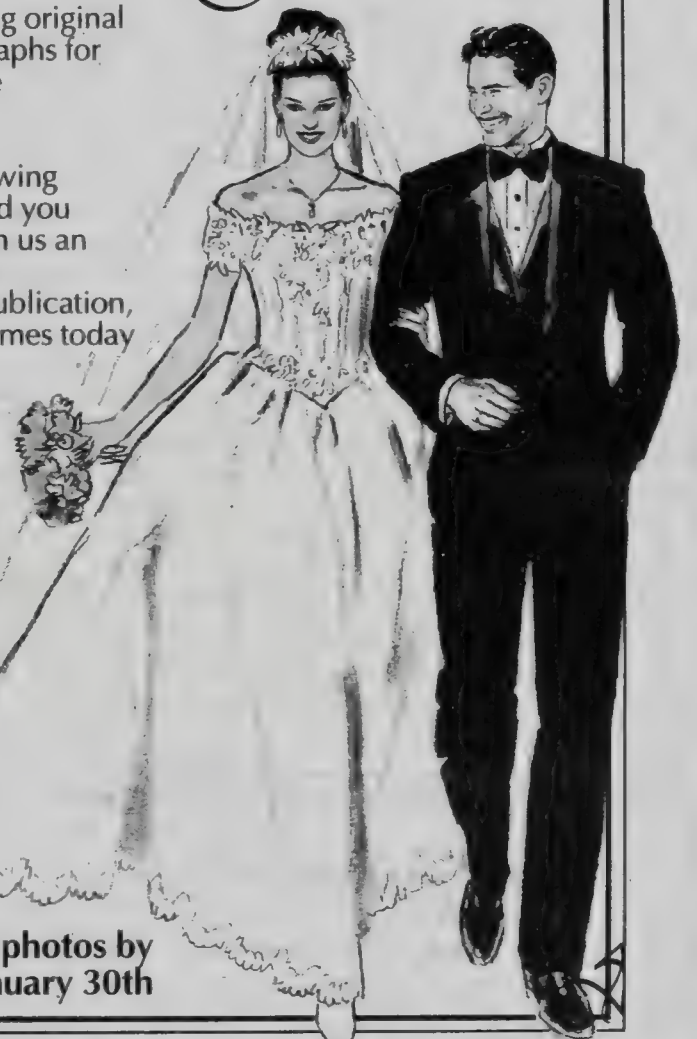
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Minden Hills appoints committees

The municipality of Minden Hills announced its meeting schedule at the inaugural meeting held earlier this month. Stressing that the council wanted to have "an open and transparent" decision making process, Reeve Ross Rigney said the public will be welcome to attend all council and standing committee meetings.

There will only be one council meeting a month and two meetings for standing committees. All meetings will take place at the municipal council chambers in Minden.

The regular Council meeting is scheduled for the fourth Thursday of each month, starting at 10 a.m.

The following standing committees will meet the second Tuesday of each month with the first committee session beginning at 6:30 p.m.: Finance; Legislation, Building, By-Law and Fire; Economic Development and Planning.

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Committee appointments

The following individuals have been appointed to Minden Hills municipal committees:

Standing Committees of Council (Reeve Ross Rigney is an ex-officio member of all committees):

• Finance; Economic Development and Planning; Legislation, Building, By-Law and Fire: Ron Buchanan, Jim McMahon and Peter Oyler.

• Environment and Public Works; Parks, Recreation, Culture and Public Relations; Personnel: Bill Obee, Bill Valentine and Ingram Wessell.

• Budget: Ross Rigney, Jim McMahon, Ron Buchanan, Bill Obee, Peter Oyler, Bill Valentine and Ingram Wessell.

• Council liaison appointments: Minden and Area Police Support Association, Ron Buchanan; County Policing Advisory Committee, Jim McMahon; Minden Fire Department, Ron Buchanan.

Community Committees

The following volunteers have been appointed to community committees:

• Agnes Jamieson Gallery Committee: June Anderson, Jeanne Anthon, Hilary Brown, Morris Duff, Elizabeth Hurrell, John Lennard, Norma Nobles, Georgina Parkes and Susan Reid. Council representatives will be Bill Valentine and Ross Rigney. Administrator is Dianne Graham.

• County Town Museum Committee: Verne Brimsmead, Bessie Cox, Sue Eskelin, Mervyn Everall, Larry Hodgson,

Fred Hulbig, John Hulbig, Linda Lickiss, Claudio Mestroni, Amanda Rigby, and Sandra Valentine. Council representatives will be Ron Buchanan and Ross Rigney. Staff representatives: Dianne Graham and Clayton Cameron.

• Minden Library Committee: Gareth Kellett, Eleanor Malcolmson, Mary Jane McMullen, Pam Sayne and Sandra Valentine. Council representatives include Ron Buchanan and Bill Valentine. Librarian Bev Wood.

• Canada Day Committee: Laura

Cunliffe, Karen Koch, Dorothy Milne, Dana Robertson, Autumn Robinson, Bill Robinson and Sandra Valentine. Council representatives include Jim McMahon and Peter Oyler.

• Timbersport Committee: Ted Anthon, Jeanne Anthon, Bob Hurrell, Ray Nobles, Bob Patton, Eleanor Patton, Chuck Golden, Rick Stuckless, Steve Smith, Ron Cox, Shirley Cox, Jim Mickle, Ed Heard, Dave Wright and Pam Sayne.

Appointments to the Cemetery Board have yet to be made pending clarification of areas of responsibility.

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David Swail has been appointed senior vice president and general manager of the National Post.

Swail, who worked at *The Times* in the late 1980s has been with the Post since the newspaper started publishing. He held the position of vice president of operations.

SIRCH pregnancy and hospice grads ready to help

by Matthew Sitrler

Two enthusiastic groups of participants celebrated their graduation from a course they had undertaken at the SIRCH Community Services and Consulting Headquarters in Haliburton.

As graduates of the Hospice Companion and Pregnancy Support Programs respectively, the 11 individuals sat down to a buffet-style dinner at SIRCH Headquarters last Monday, January 15 to reflect with new-found friends upon their achievements.

The Pregnancy Support Program offers support to pregnant women of all ages throughout the county. Participants were provided with increased knowledge of healthier prenatal lifestyle choices. Upon completion of this course, participants could choose to either become a Pregnancy Support Volunteer or become part of the Special Delivery Club, providing conversation, information, meals and support during pregnancy and

breastfeeding.

Volunteers are matched with clients to provide support such as transportation to doctor's appointments, labour coaching and more. The Pregnancy Support Program offers weekly food supplements of fresh fruits and vegetables as well as dairy products and prenatal vitamins to clients.

The SIRCH Hospice Companion Service Graduates will provide emotional and practical support to individuals and their families who are living with a life-threatening illness or who are bereaved. They will be working with clients throughout Haliburton County. This support can now be provided by the participants who are prepared to donate many hours visiting clients.

The training began at the end of September and involved 45 hours of work. "The course taught them communication and supportive skills," said Sue Shikaze, a SIRCH Training and Workshops Coordinator.

"In the Hospice Program we looked at ways to deal with pain management, suicide awareness and nutrition. The Pregnancy Support Program addressed aspects of labour and delivery and the role of nutrition as well as information pertaining to types of abuse."

Shikaze said there is always a need for more

volunteers to be trained. "It is a big commitment," she added, saying that the three-hour long weekly sessions enable the volunteers to offer great service and time to the clients that need it.

Anyone who would like to part in the training program as either a Pregnancy Support Volunteer or a Hospice Companion can contact the SIRCH Community Services and Consulting Office at (705) 457-5352.



Celebrating achievement

SIRCH Volunteers, from left, top, Gordon Kidd, Sharon Harrison, Nancy Kursbatt, Linda May Powers, Linda Salvatori, Helen Gardner, Linda Mintz, seated on the floor, Julie Chalmers, Sue Shikaze, Alison Mack, Carole Craigmyle,

Busy year for Martha Group

The Martha Group held eight meetings during the year in the Minden United Church hall. At each gathering, two members conducted the meeting, giving the devotions and supplying the lunch. The June meeting was a special one - being held in the Village Family Restaurant.

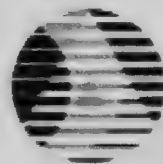
We helped at the dinners in the church hall, served lunches after funerals, the Thursday tea party at Hyland Crest and Extencicare.

We donated money to the Sunday School, to the Christmas Food Baskets and to the R.B.C. Ministries for the booklets, "Our Daily Bread."

Receipts were \$233.38; Expenses were \$206.50; Balance of \$26.88; Treasurer - Maxine Snell 286-2008; Secretary - Mary Cox 286-1158.

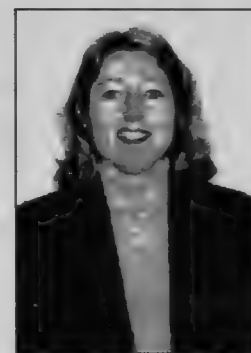


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Leona M. (Dolly) Le Crow, (Nee Puterbaugh)

Leona LeCraw of Norland entered into rest, peacefully after a brief illness at the Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay, on Friday, December 22nd, 2000, in her 72nd year.

Loving wife and companion of John Le Crow, she was born at Head Lake, on January 17, 1929, spending most of her life in the Head Lake and Norland area, except for a few years spent in Toronto where she worked in the licence bureau of the Ontario Parliament Buildings, later taking a hair dressing course at the Marvel School before returning to reside in Norland.

Dolly was very active in community support being a member of several different organizations in the village, such as the United Church Woman's Association, the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Norland Firefighters Association, and a member of the Laxton Township School Board. Dolly also dedicated many years on the fire phones for the Laxton Volunteer Fire Department summoning the men at all hours to man the trucks and equipment.

She was the main instigator of the well-known Norland Fireworks, raising money several ways to help her purchase all the

materials for the displays which for many years have been supervised by the Norland Fire Department. It originated as a small event for a family and neighbours in her back yard but then grew to the display held at Ward Memorial Park attended by hundreds of folks from a wide area.

When Lemac Printers was established in 1971, Dolly was a great supporter to John and his partner Hector Mac Donald, with her assistance in many areas, helping to produce books, and brochures by hours of folding and collating, often enlisting her children to help.

Dolly was a wonderful cook and enjoyed many other activities such as knitting, crocheting and especially cards where she was an expert in various games. She always found time to garden and grew lovely flowers, which bordered her residence for all to see and a large vegetable garden that was often raided by the neighbourhood children. The door to her home was always open to many guests over the years, including local friends and family and distant friends from as far off as England, Holland and Australia, who will all have wonderful memories of the times spent with her.

During this time she also raised three de-

voted daughters who mourn her passing, Sharon (Mrs. Dave Kay) of Norland, Judy (Mrs. Glenn Pankhurst) of Houston, Texas and Tracy Le Crow of Woodville. Her son Harry Le Crow predeceased Dolly in 1977. Her parents, Leslie and Mae Puterbaugh, brothers Russell, Cliff, Jim, and sisters Millie and Myrtle also predeceased her. She is survived by two sisters, Velma and Audrey and many nieces and nephews who will remember her fondly.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Mr. Dwayne Lloyd of the Coboconk Funeral Services. Visitation was held Wednesday, with a Service on Thursday, December 28, 2000, in the chapel conducted by Rev. Ross Fogwell of the Pioneer Baptist Church in Norland. Eulogy eloquently given by her youngest daughter, Tracy.

Pallbearers were nieces and nephews, Amanda and Anita Le Crow, Adam Greer, Kevin, Clinton and Michael Puterbaugh. Interment Pinegrove Cemetery, Norland.

Floral arrangements and memorial donations were too numerous to mention but greatly appreciated.

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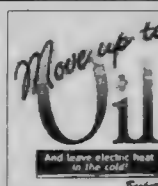
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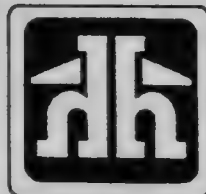
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HHSS parents' council will consider bussing issues

From The Parents' School Council of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School [HHSS]

2001 is upon us. Our hope, as a School Council, is that each and every student will be able to learn and develop to his or her full potential.

Congratulations!

The year 2000 saw Dave Mowat, Head of the Science Department at HHSS, named Highlander of the Year at a banquet in his honour. Dave has been overseeing the Drag River Rehabilitation Project, which brought HHSS students in touch with environmental issues in a hands-on, feet-in way! The finish of the final year of a three year project has enhanced the landscape of Haliburton.

In ecological terms, a follow-up study is underway to see if the project improved the spawning beds of the walleye and the eco-system down river. One hundred and sixty walleye were tagged and released into the system.

The students will meet with Ministry of Natural Resources biology staff to make a presentation regarding the project. It is hoped that more monies would be forthcoming to continue the project and to provide students with a very practical and beneficial way of doing education. When you're in town, take a stroll along the river walkway from Maple Street to Highland Street.

Congratulations to Dave and his HHSS students!

Parents' Night

Parents' Night, on November 15th, had an excellent turnout, as parents came to meet their students' teachers and discuss grades. This representation from students' families was very encouraging.

Co-Curricular Activities

Good news on this front ... cross-country skiing is a go! Two boys' basketball teams and two girls' volleyball teams are operational. There has been a mixed and a boys' curling bonspiel, as well as a boys' hockey team in action. With spring, HHSS will host the Trillium Lakelands Drama Festival. December 12 saw Mr Regina's Christmas Concert in the Northern Lights Pavilion.

Bussing

Bussing continues to be a matter of discussion at School Council meetings. We are all concerned that students travel safely to and from school. Valerie Smith, our new school board trustee, will be coming to the next Council meeting to discuss bussing in particular and other concerns.

New Ontario School System Levels

Principal Gary Brohman spent much time explaining the new system of grade levels which will totally replace the OAC system. Gary explained that no mat-

ter what system is used, HHSS students will continue to do very well in meeting requirements for college and university entrance.

• There was a facelift over the holidays in the school as 180 new lockers were installed.

School Council Voice Mail

In case you missed this item last month ... this year we want to make it easier for parents to express their concerns on any area of school activity. To do this, you may call the school at 457-2950. During school hours, ask to leave a voice mail message for the School Council, which is extension 549; after school hours, simply select extension 549. This line is private and confidential, and is checked daily by a School Council member. No school staff may access these lines.

Coming Events

- Examinations - Wednesday, January 24th to Tuesday, January 30
- PA Day / Turn around day / Promotion meetings - Wednesday, January 31
- Second semester starts Thursday, February 1
- Next School Council Meeting Tuesday January 30, at 7:00 p.m., at the school. On the agenda will be a discussion on bussing with Valerie Smith, our new school board trustee; a report from Sophia Tink on the Regional Forum on Parents' School Councils held in Barrie, which laid out new regulations for school councils under the Education Act; and a presentation by Kelly Ketner on "Lunch Buddies". Parents: Plan to attend. This is your school! These are YOUR KIDS!

Student's Council Report

The weeks prior to the holidays at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School were extremely busy. The Student's Council organized activities galore to try to suit all students.

On December 15th, the Hawaiian Semi-Formal took place. The DJ company, Pandor Entertainment, did a fine job of reaching the student's expectations. The music was great and the floor seemed to be crowded until the end of the dance. Many students showed up wearing sarongs and tank tops, braving the cold weather. Thanks to all the staff who helped supervise this dance!

Christmas Week took off on December 18th. The week included theme days and lunch time activities. Some of the theme days which took place were winter oriented days while others were "red and green day" and "clash day". One of the activities that took place at lunch was gingerbread man decorating. The students had a great time decorating and eating their creations!

On the last day before the holidays, December 22nd, the Students' Council left the work to the OAC

students. The OAC students put on a Christmas assembly where such celebrities as Brittany Spears and Rosie O'Donnell made guest appearances.

The Students' Council will be working hard through January to plan February activities. January will be a bit quieter at H.H.S.S while exams are underway. The Students' Council is starting to plan activities that will get students excited for the second semester which starts at the beginning of February.

Citizen's call helps police investigation

Last week, the OPP investigated an incident on Lyons Street in Minden. Following up on a public complaint, officers went Lyons Street in Minden where they located a white GMC pickup truck, and a male driver.

Following an investigation the driver, Robert Riches, 58, from Pickering was charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle and operating a vehicle with more than the legal limit of alcohol in his blood. He will appear in Minden court. The incident occurred on January 13.

Break and enter in Hindon Township

The OPP investigated a break and enter at a hunt camp located on Black Lake Road in Hindon Township. The owner advised that the cabin was secure in November. There were no items taken from the location, however, approximately \$2,000 damage was done.

The suspects damaged a generator, kitchen items, light fixtures, and pictures, with an axe. Anyone with any information regarding this incident is asked to please contact the OPP at 705-286-1431 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-563-8477

Theft of ATV

The OPP investigated a theft from a residence shed located on Campbay Road, Otter Lake in McClintock Township. Stolen from the locked shed between January 7 and 9, was a 1999 Polaris Sportsman 4x4 335. The ATV was the second stolen since September from this location. The investigation revealed that bolt cutters had been used to cut the lock on the shed.

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Songbirds step up to the mike

A good day to one and all. We're all here waiting for you to join us so we can tell you about our news of the past week.

Our Tea Party last week was much enjoyed and was hosted by the Martha Group from the United Church in Minden. Our thanks to them for a lovely afternoon tea. The following day we had a lot of fun with karaoke at our Happy Hour. We applauded as a couple of brave hearts entertained us. Both Lilian Harrison and Evelyn Henderson sang. We think they were good sports to get up there.

Over the weekend we were pleased to have Burrt Bonnell and his wife who were kind enough to drop in and entertain us. Also we appreciated a group of young people who were in on Sunday with a puppet theatre. It is good to see young people willing to give of their time. Our thanks to all. Nancy would like to thank Brenda and Sheila who helped out with programming over the weekend. Their assistance was very much appreciated.

One of our activity staff is on the sick list. Dana Lee had a fall at home on the weekend and not only broke her ankle but severely fractured it. She has returned home after surgery and will be laid up for a while. Sorry to hear that Dana, we will miss you! Please take care of yourself so we can look forward to having you back here. In the meantime we have welcomed Kelly Harpley to our fold.

Our week began with a reminiscing session. We talked about games we used to play as children. This was a lot of fun and brought back many fond memories, we even played the old game of "I Spy", and many of you probably played that as a child. In fact we know it is still played today especially on long car trips. That evening we were looking forward to having the Salvation Army visit us but once again bad weather spoiled the plans. It is just incredible but this wonderful group, that has visited us often in the past, keeps running into bad weather. They have tried to visit us since early December and have now decided they will reschedule in the spring, we don't blame them.

Rev. Tim Sharpe held communion during Tuesday morning Chapel Service. It was nice to have Ann McAdam play the organ for us. Our thanks goes to both. In the meantime other folks participated in Prayer Friends. That afternoon the Craft Group met as

usual and it is reported that they are putting the final touches on the Valentine's items and are starting on St. Patrick's Day already. This group never seems to stop.

Wednesday brought our card players together once again. This time it was the ladies vs. the men. Thelda and Margaret against Roy and Harold. Roy says that they let the ladies win the first game, then they won the next two. We thought it was a little cheeky of him to say that and it certainly got a response, but no matter, it is all in fun.

Our Pub Night was much enjoyed with Gord Kidd and Julie scheduled to entertain us, and entertain us they did. However, Lloyd Madill, Carmen Peters and Neil Howe joined them, so it turned out to be quite a group of musicians. Our thanks to all of them, along with Kelly from activities and Roy Scott (son of Edna Scott) who helped out.

Today our Tea Party is scheduled to be hosted by St. Peters of Maple Lake. We are looking forward to their visit. Before we sign off we have a couple of messages to pass on.

Get well wishes to Rev. Allsop who is recovering from a recent stroke. We wish him a speedy recovery.

We have learned that Bill Payne is very ill in Florida. Bill has been a faithful volunteer at Hyland Crest for at least 30 years. A kind and loving friend to us. Our prayers are with him and his family.

Talk to you again next week!

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Around the County Town

by Nora Snyder (call 286-4450; email <mindenhouse@on.albn.com>)

Here is a good idea: something good for our community; something for community minded people to get involved in. Rosie Kadwell, Dietician is looking for someone in the Minden area to sit on a committee to develop A Good Food Box program in Haliburton County.

A Good Food Box is a non-profit fruit and vegetable distribution system. It runs a local buying club that supports the local economy. Once a month individuals place orders for a Good Food Box with volunteer co-ordinators. Anyone who lives in the county can be a part of this program. By being part of the program you can receive fresh fruits and vegetables at a reduced cost, usually half the regular price.

As we all know, fresh fruits and vegetables are essential in a healthy diet. They help prevent diseases such as heart disease and some types of cancer. If you are interested in getting this program started, please call Rosie Kadwell at 457-1391 ext. 246.

Time is drawing near for the fun which will be Winterfest, the weekend of February 2, 3 and 4. Events are happening all over the County as well as in Minden. Fun for all, everywhere!! It's great to get out there and enjoy our winter. I hope you are planning how you will participate in all the events!! Lots of organization going on for us to enjoy the weekend!!

It is wonderful to know how we can and do enjoy this season. I say that because I have just read Farley Mowat's latest book, "Walking On The Land". It is quite difficult to read.

The events in it took place in the late 1950s in The Barren Lands, in the district of Keewatin, in the Northwest Territories. One location the author visits is Baker Lake and we know what is happening there now.

The hardship of the Inuit people as described is almost beyond comprehension. The circumstances and conditions they lived and died in, the killing cold, the starvation, the isolation, the lack of aid and understanding of their needs from those who could help; all adding up to such tragedy of which we can

only have a glimmer. I recommend this book if you want to have a better understanding of life in our far north.

Farley Mowat's book can be the sandwich between another wonderful winter story, although Antarctica is in full summer at this time and Ryan Sisson and Adam Bathe were there. What an adventure for these deserving students. It must seem like a dream now that they are home. I wonder how this adventure will affect their lives?

I hope you are enjoying your winter!! Keep it up!!

SCORING NEWS

Thursday, January 11: Euchre at the Minden Legion: George Parks and Marcel Roussel won the most lone hands of the night. May Bradbury and Bill van Dyke were high scorers and Gwen Cox and Lois Adamson were the lows. Marie Dennie and Orval Francis won the other scores.

Friday, January 12: Echo Hills Duplicate Bridge had three top pairs. First, with 67%, were Stella McMillan and Mayme Douglas. Second, with 60%, were Nick Lehoczy and Hal Beach. In third, with 50%, were Rita and Glen Lockhart

Saturday, January 13: Bid Euchre at Staunworth: First was Pat Roussel. Second, Idella Gault. Kevin Maloney and Ida Young found hidden scores, Ida Young took three moonshots and Gala Stamp ended up with one.

Monday, January 15: Euchre with the Friendship Club at St. Paul's: Jesse Barlow and Pearl Cowen won lone hands. Don Hicks and Betty Barlow won the top scores. Jeanne Keliele and Joyce Ritchie won the lows. Pat Bailey and Lorna Hicks won the draws.

Bid Euchre for Seniors at Kinmount: Bill St. Thomas was first followed by Verna Crego in second. Verna Crego also won the 50/50 draw.

Euchre at Club 35: Garth Windsor won the 50/50 draw and Murray Daniels won lone hands. Josie

Cheeseman and Stan Dutka took the high scores and Olive Jones and Alvin Cowen took the lows. Marjorie Cowen walked off with the baloney.

Cribbage at the Minden Legion: Doug Robinson was first with Syd Adamson second. The one draw was won by Syd Adamson.

Tuesday, January 16: Bridge at Stanhope: No slams were bid or made. In spite of that fact Ross Fletcher achieved a resounding score of 7460!!! Congratulations Ross. In second was Dorothy Strype with 5720 followed by Wynne Hansen in third with 5510 and Barbara Cummings in fourth with 5140. Betty Culley won the magic number.

Bid Euchre for Seniors at the Minden Legion: high scores went to Trudy Kroes, Gala Stamp, Pat Roussel and Murray MacKinnon. Gladys Wruth, Sharon Evans, Elva Paisley and Verna Crego. Marie Dennie won the one and only moonshot.

Euchre at Lochlin: Ruby Francis and Harold Harvie were high and Lorna Hicks and Doug Carpenter were low. Don Hicks won lone hands and Reta Crofts won the 50/50 draw.

Wednesday, January 17: Duplicate Bridge at Parklane: Another very high score for bridge with Glen and Rita Lockhart first with 70.3%. A tie in second with 56% for Ross Davies with Stella McMillan and Hal Beach with Nick Lehoczy. Another tie for third with 55% going to Ev Morgan with Maria Lehoczy and to Kelly and Jaqui Metcalf.

Bid Euchre at Stanhope: Alvin Cowen, Jack Harrington, Muriel Harrington, Marj Hamilton and Stan Hill each won a moonshot. High scorers were: Sharon Evans, 259; Stan Hill and Muriel Harrington, 265; Barb Robitaille, 269; Jean Dutka, 270; and Ken Wallace on top with 282.

Wishing you a good week at cards!!

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AT REST

WALKER, Gwen Carol

Passed away suddenly at the Haliburton Hospital on Wednesday, January 17th, 2001 in her 59th year. Gwen, beloved mother of Corey and his wife Nancy and Sandi all of Minden and predeceased by her son Darren. Loving grandmother of Jake, Jesse, Liam and Nicholas. Dear daughter of Fred and Ella Toye. Dear sister of Wayne, Judy, Marilyn, Brian and Ian. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main Street, Minden KOM 2K0 from 7-9 p.m. Friday. Memorial Service was held at the Funeral Home on Saturday, January 20th, 2001 at 4 p.m. Reception to follow at the Funeral Home in the Family Centre. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (H.H.H.S.F.) would be appreciated by the family.

AT REST

THORLAKSON Steve

Passed away in Lilloett, B.C., on December 5th, 2000 at the age of 103. Veteran of Vimy Ridge and The Battle of Britain. Beloved husband of the late Alma Thorlakson, dear father of June White, May Bradbury, Clara Carter, Magnus Thorlakson, Margaret Bradbury, Fred Thorlakson, Johanna Gear and Mona Farr and the late Joan Allen. Also survived by 24 grandchildren, 57 great grandchildren and 6 great-great grandchildren. A Memorial Service will be held in Minden at a future date.

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In loving Memory:

Hazel Irvine - Jan. 21, 1997
Cleve Stamp - March 25, 1993
Jenny Cooper - Dec. 30, 1991
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They've had a billion memories
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In Memoriam
WAYNE COOPER
Who left us suddenly
January 20, 1997

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Always in our hearts and thoughts. Love from Dad and Mom, Karen & Neil, Jerry & Nicole, Keisha & Tyra.*

IRVINE, Hazel - In loving memory of Hazel Irvine who passed away January 21, 1997.
*If you were here
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How much we miss you
Every day.
Never forgotten,
Barb, Craig, Kristen
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IN MEMORIAM

PAQUETTE, Sherry - In loving memory of a sweet dear lady who left us 4 years ago, January 24th.
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Vern.*

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IRVINE, Hazel - January 21, 1997.
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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
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The Haliburton, Northumberland and Victoria Long-Term Care Access Centre (the Access Centre) provides management of and access to certain health and support services to be provided to eligible residents of the three counties, in their residences, schools, and community facilities.

The Board of Directors of the Access Centre is charged with the provision of, among other services, the following mandatory required service: Therapy Services (Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Language Pathology) (the "Therapy Services"). The Board will provide the Therapy Services by contracting with successful agencies who are qualified service providers and participate in the Request for Proposal process.

The Access Centre will award contracts for the provision of services by **REQUESTING PROPOSALS** from invited, interested and qualified agencies. **THIS PROCESS** is to be completed in two stages:

1. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION - PRE-QUALIFICATION:

All agencies who are interested in providing all of the Therapy Services in all three (3) counties in the community and/or in schools and intend to make a proposal to, and for consideration by the Access Centre, **MUST** pre-qualify in order to be invited to submit a Proposal. Pre-qualification applications will be accepted on or before February 16, 2001 at 1200 hours.

2. INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO PRE-QUALIFIED AGENCIES:

Applicants who meet and fulfill all pre-qualification requirements will be **INVITED TO SUBMIT** proposals for the provision of the Therapy Services in accordance with the terms and conditions of a Request for Proposal document to be issued to invited applicants on or about February 26, 2001.

The PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS will be available during regular business hours (0830 to 1630) at the Lindsay office of the Haliburton, Northumberland and Victoria Long-Term Care Access Centre, 108 Angeline Street South, Lindsay, Ontario K9V 3L5 from Monday, February 5, 2001 at 0830 hours until Friday, February 16, 2001 at 1200 hours.

Your submission for pre-qualification **must** be received by 1200 hours on Friday, February 16, 2001 at the reception desk of the Lindsay Office of the Haliburton, Northumberland and Victoria Long-Term Care Access Centre, 108 Angeline Street South, Lindsay, Ontario K9V 3L5. Attention: Tim Boddington, RFP Coordinator.

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every Tuesday at
Dollo's



**Available
TUESDAY
January 23/01**

- Bait
- The Kid
- Me, Myself & Irene

**Toonie
Tuesday**
ALL NEW
RELEASES

\$2

\$3.47
+ tax
all New Releases

99c

Children's Videos
as well as selected

\$1.99

Manager Specials
on great movies

All movies due back -
4:00 p.m. the following day!

**DVD Rentals
Players
&
Disks Available**

**Wednesday
is
Seniors'
day**

Persons 65+ receive

**5%
OFF**

ON ALL ITEMS

except Tobacco,
Advertised Specials
Movie Sales & Rentals

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Mon 8-6
Tues 8-6
Wed 8-6
Thurs 8-7
Fri 8-9
Sat 8-6

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